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SUBJECT: URUGUAYANS MISSING IN ARGENTINA

REF: ROME 25281

1. (U) LABOR DELEGATION'S CLAIMS(REFTEL) ABOUT URUGUAYANS OF ITALIAN ORIGIN WHO DISAPPEARED IN EITHER URUGUAY OR ARGENTINA HAVE NOT BEEN REPORTED LOCALLY. HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLED "MOTHERS OF URUGUAYANS DISAPPEARED IN ARGENTINA," WHICH IS APPARENTLY AFFILIATED WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION "PAZ Y JUSTICIA," SENT A NOTE TO FONMIN MAESO ON NOVEMBER 4 ASKING THE MINISTRY TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY THAT BODIES OF THEIR RELATIVES MAY BE AMONG THOSE RECENTLY DISCOVERED IN A MASS GRAVE IN ARGENTINA. THIS GROUP CLAIMED THAT MORE THAN 120 URUGUAYANS HAVE DISAPPEARED IN ARGENTINA, INCLUDING SEVEN CHILDREN AND FIVE PREGNANT WOMEN. THERE IS NO REPORT AS TO HOW MANY OF THESE PERSONS MAY BE OF ITALIAN ORIGIN.

2. (U) REFTEL REPORTS URUGUAYAN UNIONISTS VISITING ITALY CLAIMED 134 URUGUAYANS HAD DISAPPEARED SINCE 1974. OF WHOM ALL BUT EIGHT WERE ARRESTED IN ARGENTINA. IN RECENT YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES WHERE "SUBVERSIVES" DISAPPEARED IN URUGUAY, BUT WITHIN A FEW WEEKS OR MONTHS THEY HAVE TURNED UP IN PRISON.

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5. (C) THE FAN FARE ABOUT ITALIANS MISSING IN ARGENTINA HAS STIMULATED INTEREST IN ROME ABOUT SIMILAR DEVELOPMENTS IN URUGUAY. THE ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE HAS BEEN DOING SOME QUICK INVESTIGATING, BUT HAS NO INFORMATION ON RECENT "DISAPPEARANCES" OTHER THAN THE NORMAL "INCOMMUNICADO" STATUS OF RECENTLY ARRESTED INDIVIDUALS. THE ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE IS NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN MISSING PERSONS OR NATIONAL SECURITY PRISONERS HERE UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED IS AN ITALIAN CITIZEN. THE ITALIAN DCM TOLD US THAT ONLY A SMALL, ALTHOUGH UNDETERMINED, PROPORTION OF THE 120 URUGUAYANS REPORTEDLY MISSING IN ARGENTINA HAVE ANY CLAIM TO ITALIAN NATIONALITY. ARANDA

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